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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6413

BILL NUMBER: HB 1244

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 18, 2011

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Funding Choice Scholarships.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Klinker

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill provides that money appropriated for state tuition support may not be used for Choice Scholarships.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill should have no state fiscal impact since the tuition support appropriation remains the same.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: The bill would not allow the tuition support appropriation to be used for Choice Scholarships if the money is first needed to fully fund the tuition support distribution. The tuition support appropriation would first be used to fund the school formula and then any money not needed for the formula could be use for Choice Scholarships.

The bill also would not allow the tuition support distribution to local schools to be reduced if the payment of Choice Scholarships from the tuition support appropriation caused the total amount to be spent to exceed the appropriation.

Background: Current law requires a reduction in the distribution to schools if the appropriation is insufficient

to fully fund the school formula.

The tuition support appropriation for FY 2012 is \$6,262.8 M.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Local schools.

Information Sources:

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